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THE WEATHER TO-DAY—Cloudy.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

MOSQUITO ARMY INVADES TEXAS

Cattle, Stung to Fury, Dash
Into Streams and Refuse
to Come Out.

FIELDS ABANDONED
AND CROPS WITHER

Railroad Along Coast Shore Run-
ning With Empty Cars Be-
cause Bloodthirsty Insects
Drive Passengers to Dis-
traction—Much Suffer-
ing Everywhere.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALVESTON, TEXAS, August 16.—
A mosquito pest of destructive
nature is causing untold suffer-
ing and a great amount of damage to
cattle, horses and crops, the latter be-
cause of the neglect by growers, in
the coast counties of Texas.

A mosquito of unusual size and with
a long bill, said to be a new species
in this section, is making life miserable
for man and beast, and is feared
that the loss of cattle and crops will
be directly due to the pest which will be
the scourge continues many days.

Cattle seeking relief from the swarms
of mosquitoes, which rise from the
swamps and marshes in clouds of
millions to reach water, and stand up
to their shoulders, occasionally dipping
into the water to freeze the stinging
insects. Into the gulfs and many other
bodies of salt water along the coast
cattle, horses and other animals seek
refuge, and refuse to come out for food.
Many of them will die of thirst if not
soon relieved.

In the rice fields, which are located
near the coast in nine counties, work
has been abandoned because the mos-
quitoes driven from the fields, wear-
ing thick gloves and with their heads
and necks incased in cloths saturated
with strong lotions, their bodies were
nevertheless easy prey for the mos-
quitoes.

Railroads extending along the coast
are suffering for patronage simply be-
cause the vast army of bloodthirsty
insects drive the passengers to dis-
traction. The Gulf and Interstate Rail-
road, which extends along the coast
shore, is operating empty trains. Pas-
sengers are compelled almost to
smother to death to get away from the
pest, while riding on this road and on
other lines near the coast.

Reports from Southwest Texas say
that many cattle have died as a re-
sult of the plague.

GREAT BATTLE TO-DAY

Theoretical Battleship Fleet Is Now
Menacing Boston Harbor.

BOSTON, August 16.—The field of the
war game now being played in South-
eastern Massachusetts became consid-
erably enlarged to-night, when it was
announced that a theoretical fleet of
battleships and cruisers, under the com-
mand of the red, was on its way to assist
the invading army of the blue in the
Boston harbor defenses. The
harbor forts to-day received reinforce-
ments when the transport Sumner
brought six companies of coast artiller-
y from New York, a total of 729
men.

The two big armies in the south-
east—the red, commanded by General
Tasker H. Bliss, and the blue, in com-
mand of General William A. Brewster,
of the Massachusetts volunteer military—
drew close together during the day,
and to-night the opposing camps were
separated by a few miles only. There
were various skirmishes during the
day between outposts, a number of
captures of scouts were effected, and
there were a score of minor theoret-
ical casualties, but no general engage-
ment was fought. The first real clash
is looked for to-morrow.

X-RAY CURE FOR LEPROSY

Applicable, However, Only for Certain
Cases in Early Stages.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 16.—
The X-ray as a cure for some cases of
leprosy has been demonstrated by the
American health authorities. The
Philippines, according to Dr. Victor G.
Heizer, chief quarantine officer in the
Island, says the X-ray is suitable
only for specially selected cases, and
is valuable apparently only in the
early stages.

Official figures show that on March
31, 1909, there were 2,445 lepers in the
Philippines, segregation having re-
duced by more than 1,000 the number
of cases during the past two years.

At the beginning of the American oc-
cupation, eleven years ago, there were
nearly 4,000 lepers.

COMMISSION IN SESSION

Aldrich and Daugherty Attending Meeting
in New York.

NEW YORK, August 16.—The Na-
tional Monetary Commission, appointed
a year ago by Congress under the
currency reform law, was in execu-
tive session here to-day, and will con-
tinue its sittings to-morrow at the
hotel where Senator Aldrich, its chair-
man, is registered. Under the same
roof with him are Senator John W.
Daniel, of Virginia; Representative
Edward B. Vreeland, of New York, and
Representative John W. Weeks, of
Massachusetts.

BOY A TRAIN WRECKER

AGED THIRTEEN, ARRESTED FOR FOUR AT-
TEMPTS IN MICHIGAN.

SOUTH HAVEN, MICH., August 16.—
Richard Phelps, aged thirteen, son of
a Chinese railroad man, was arrested
yesterday at Covert, charged with
four attempts to wreck trains on the
Fruit Belt Railway. It is said that the
boy, who was lodged in jail, has con-
fessed. Phelps' father has a summer
home at Covert, where the lad has
been spending the summer vacation.

Killed by Pile of Hull.—Benson
Smith, fourteen years old, was killed to-
day by a pile of hulls that struck him
on the right ear. He had been catch-
ing in a game, and as he turned to
leave his post the pile of hulls, which
Baker, threw, another ball hit him
Smith. He died in a few minutes.

HASKELL HITS BACK

Charges Grand Jurors and United
States Marshal with Misconduct.

MUSKOGEE, OKLA., August 16.—
Charges of misconduct, made to-day
against United States Marshal Victor
by Governor Haskell, will be pushed
vigorously, according to an announce-
ment tonight by Billy L. Soper, the
Governor's attorney. Governor Has-
kell will use every effort, it was stated,
to have the marshal and several grand
jury members brought to trial.
There is probably no one who will be
at Armore some time in October, before
Judge Marshall, of Salt Lake. The
sensational allegations were contained
in the motions filed in the Federal
court here to-day to quash the indict-
ments of Grand Jurors Haskell and five
others in connection with the alleged
town lot frauds.

George W. Strawn, J. H. Dixon, J. C.
Burgess, A. G. Dumas and W. T.
Bailey, who were members of the grand
jury which returned the indictments,
are charged with deliberately seeking
to go on the jury with a view to re-
turning indictments.

NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR

Reported That Takahira Will Be Made
Minister of Foreign Affairs.

SEATTLE, WASH., August 16.—That
Baron Takahira, Japanese ambassador
to the United States, will return no
more to this country, but will be made
Minister of Foreign Affairs by his gov-
ernment, was stated to-day by well-
informed Japanese, who name as his
successor Yasuma Uchida, now am-
bassador to Austria.

Baron Takahira sails for Japan to-
morrow on the steamer Tongo.

At a farewell dinner, exclusively
Japanese, given in a Buddhist Temple,
the ambassador told his countrymen
that they were themselves in large
measure responsible for the ill feeling
against them in the United States.

STOLE FOR DYING WIFE

Pitiful Story Arouses Sympathy of a
New York Magistrate.

NEW YORK, August 16.—William L.
Baner, a man of forty-five, who said
he had seen better days and had been
driven to desperation by the need of
his dying wife for nourishing food,
which he had been unable to provide
for, was arrested to-day, charged
with breaking into a meat shop and
stealing a quantity of beef.

"For several months," said Baner,
"I have been unable to obtain work.
My wife is a consumptive and is dy-
ing, and I had no way to get the
nourishing food she needed."

The man's story excited Magistrate
Breen's sympathy, and he detailed a
probation officer to investigate the
case.

COUPLE FOUND DYING

Fearing Desertion, Bride Turned on
Gas While Husband Slept.

SCRANTON, PA., August 16.—William
Davis is dead and his wife is dying
from the effects of inhaling illumi-
nating gas. The couple were found
to-day lying unconscious in bed and
the husband died a few minutes later.
Davis and his wife had been married
about three months, and, according to
neighbors, their quarrels were fre-
quent. On Sunday night the husband
threatened to leave her, and it is sup-
posed that the woman turned on the
gas while Davis slept.

LAD SAVED HIS MOTHER

With Unloaded Shotgun, Wrecked Suc-
cessful Burglar in New York.

AMERICAN, N. Y., August 16.—Joseph
White, a negro prisoner in the jail
here, charged with attempted criminal
assault upon a well-known white ma-
son, to-day, after a long trial, was
acquitted to-day, and declared that he
would have succeeded had not the woman
littered him with a shotgun, which
he shot at him, and he was killed.

The lad knew the gun was
not loaded, but his "bluff" was successful.

DECISION IN SUTTON CASE

Findings Reached, Signed and Sent to
Attorney General.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., August 16.—The
Sutton court of inquiry closed to-day
after two secret sessions, during which
the testimony relative to the death on
October 18, 1907, of Lieutenant James
N. Sutton, Jr., U. S. M. C., was gone
over thoroughly. The findings were
reached and signed to-day. They will
be reviewed by the Navy Department
at Washington before being made pub-
lic.

COOK SUES FOR \$100,000

Says Injury to Sight Has Greatly Less-
ened Her Chances of Maritimity.

NEW YORK, August 16.—Elizabeth V.
Smollie, New York manager for a glove
manufacturing firm, has been sued for
\$100,000 by Emily Jones, his cook, be-
cause of a "blow" which she struck her
through a window screen. His small
daughter had complained that the cat
scratched her. The cook says her eyes
were filled with a stream of blood, and
she was unable to see for several days.
The cook says she was a widow, and
that she was a mother of three children.
The damage to her sight and her sense of
chances of matrimony is \$100,000.

WILL COMPLETE LIST SOON

Names of Practically All Census Super-
visors Have Been Agreed Upon.

BEVERLY, MASS., August 16.—The
list of the census supervisors com-
missioned by President Taft, given out
last night, leaves 16 appointments yet
to be approved by the Chief of Census.
Practically all the selections have been
agreed upon, but some are being held
up on account of protests. Among
these was delayed, it is said, are the
appointments for the Fourth Georgia
District.

JILTED, SHOTS GIRL

Eighteen-Year-Old Boy May Face
Charge of Sexual Offense.

PORTSMOUTH, O., August 16.—An
eighteen-year-old boy, who had been
jilted because he had been jilted, Harry
Bliss, eighteen years old, to-day
shot and fatally wounded Miss Minnie
Clark, seventeen years old, at a
crowded street corner.

When the girl refused to return a
ring, he drew a revolver and shot her
through the back, the bullet penet-
rating the right lung. He was ar-
rested.

OFFICIALS DROWNED

Carriage in Which They Were Cross-
ing Stream Was Overturned.

EL PASO, TEX., August 16.—News
was received to-day of the drowning
near Shafter, Tex., Saturday of United
States Deputy Collector of Customs
John Donaldson, and Immigration In-
spector Robert Hulse. The carriage
in which they were crossing a swollen
stream was overturned.

BOY LOSES GRIM BATTLE FOR LIFE

Struggling Against Niagara
Rapids, Finally Overpowered
and Drowned.

PEOPLE STAND BY,
HELPLESS TO AID

Swimmer Disappears Again and
Again, but Comes Back Fight-
ing Every Time Until Fin-
ally Strength Gives Out
and He Sinks to Rise
No More.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., August 16.—
August Sporer, an eighteen-
year-old boy of this city, went
to his death to-day in the whirlpool
rapids after a gallant battle with the
giant between the lower bridges
and the pool.

With three companions Sporer set
out for a swim in the river. He
started at once for the middle of the
stream where the rapids were the
bridges. His companions called to him
to come back, for the current is very
swift at that point, but he kept on
down stream and was caught in the
great sweep, the first break from the
smoother waters to the rapids.

Gallant struggle.
The boy struggled for a time against
the current, but to no avail. Then,
realizing that he was beyond help and
was to be carried through the rapids,
which took the life of Captain Webb,
and which have resisted every unaided
human effort at passage, he delib-
erately turned down stream and began
a grim fight for life.

Not in all the history of the river
has such a brave effort been seen
before. Although but a frail boy,
he went into the rapids, swim-
ming strongly, and held his own un-
til he struck the giant wave which
curls up opposite the old Battery
elevator. Then he was over-
powered, and for a second was lost to the sight
of the score of people who stood on the lower
arch bridge.

Swimmer Disappears.
Again and again he disappeared,
only to come back again each time
fighting desperately against the ter-
rible current. Finally, when within
300 yards of the whirlpool his strength
gave out, and he sank and was lost
to view.

Even then he had gone perhaps 100
yards farther than did the great Eng-
lish swimmer, Captain Webb.

ARIZONA TOWN FLOODED

Adobe Houses Crumble and Families
Are Compelled to Move.

YUMA, ARIZ., August 16.—Great
damage was done to-day by a heavy
rainstorm, which has been going on
in torrents, covering the pavements a
foot deep. Streets and alleys in the
lower portion of the town were raging
streams, and the houses crumbled, and
families were compelled to move. Rail-
road tracks on both sides of the town
were washed out.

WAR SCARE SUBSIDES

Danger of Outbreak of Hostilities Be-
tween Peru and Bolivia Disappearing.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 16.—
Mr. Dawson, the United States minister
to Chile, has reported his arrival in San-
tiago. In his telegram Mr. Dawson
said that while en route to his post he
observed that public apprehension of a
war between Peru and Bolivia is rap-
idly disappearing in southern Peru
and northern Chile.

NEW CABINET FORMED

Crisis in Danish Affairs Comes to an
End.

COPENHAGEN, August 16.—The min-
isterial crisis which followed the resig-
nation of the Danish Cabinet last
month because of its failure to secure
the support of Parliament for its pro-
ject of military defense, came to an
end to-day with the formation of a
new Cabinet under the premiership of
Count Holstein-Ledreborg.

PERISH ON MOUNT TACOMA

Two Men Lose Lives Trying to Scale
Western Peak.

TACOMA, WASH., August 16.—T. F.
Crawshaw, of West Seattle, and Joseph
W. Stewart, of Tronton, N. C., are be-
lieved to have lost their lives while
endeavoring to ascend Mount Tacoma.
To-day a rescue party found the al-
pine staves and packs of the lost men
ten feet from the crater.

The two left camp at 3:30 o'clock
Saturday morning, with a guide, and
they had but little food, and it is be-
lieved that they have perished from
hunger, cold or accident.

GERMANS GET VIOLENT

Conducting Strenuous Campaign
Against Americans in Haiti.

PARIS, August 16.—A special dis-
patch from Port-au-Prince, Haiti,
says that a group of Germans who for
years have monopolized the commerce
of that country, are conducting a vi-
olent campaign against the American
bankers who are negotiating for a
concession for the construction of a
railway system in Haiti. The dispatch
says the Germans wrote articles
against the Americans and predicted
the annexation of Haiti by the United
States if the concession is granted.

SENATE HOLDS HOUSE DOWN

Provision Against Whiskey Advertisements
Will Be Eliminated.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., August 16.—
The State Senate refused to-day by a
large vote to adopt the House bill
which prohibits the publication of the
name of any victim of criminal assault.
It is announced that the leaders have
agreed to eliminate from the Pub-
lic bill the provision against the pub-
lication of liquor advertisements in news-
papers. Governor Comer, however, has
categorically refused to waive the plan of
the newspaper men.

A bill was introduced in the Senate
suggesting that the people of Ala-
bama vote on the question of taking
the Capitol from Montgomery to Bir-
mingham. The bill arises from the fact
that the members of the Senate feel im-
molated because of the arrest of one
of their number on Friday night by
the local police. A bill was also in-
troduced in the House to protect mem-
bers of the Legislature from illegal ar-
rests and to prescribe adequate punish-
ment for violation of the Constitution.
The bill would make it a crime, in-
cluding, which makes them immune from
arrest for misdemeanors.

Licensed physicians who retail drugs
were given the same rights to pre-
scribe alcohol for medicinal purposes,
as are given to regularly licensed
pharmacists under the prohibition law.

BETRAYED BY ALARM CLOCK

French Traveler Is Harassed of Six Un-
declared Sticks.

NEW YORK, August 16.—Eugene
Allaire, a chemist of Paris, and his
friend, Henri Robitaille, president of
the Bureau Distilleries of Quebec, were
passengers by the French liner La Bre-
tagne, in yesterday from Havre. As
the pair started to pass through the
customs at a small station, the clock
of the overcoat of M. Robitaille, which
Mr. Allaire was obligingly carrying,
started the Frenchman and interested
Customs Watchman B. B. Mills, one
of the guardians of the gate.

Mills looked into the coat and found
that the clock was of American make
and apparently a patriot, and with it
there were six boxes from which a
customs inspector took two dozen for-
eign-made sticks valued at about
\$200. M. Robitaille said he had for-
gotten to declare the pins, supposing
that they were of too little value to be
noted.

LION LEAPS INTO CROWD

Giant Mountain Cat Causes Panic by
Bearing Down on Spectators.

LAS VEGAS, N. M., August 16.—A
well-grown mountain lion, caught two
weeks ago, while on exhibition here
Saturday night in front of a theatre,
suddenly became enraged at the crowd
packed about its cage and the glare
of the electric lights, and with a roar
burst the bars of its cage, broke the
chain holding it and leaped into the
crowd.

A panic ensued, women fainting and
many children being trampled, a score
or more being more or less injured.
As the beast dashed down a crowded
street pedestrians made a dash for
safety. The lion became enraged and
ran away, and for the time
being pandemonium had full sway.
The lion took to the near-by moun-
tains, where searching parties num-
bering 500 men are scouring the coun-
try.

COMPANY'S ULTIMATUM

Strikers Must Return by Friday, or
Eviction Will Follow.

PITTSBURGH, PA., August 16.—Quiet
reigns to-night at the plants of the
Pittsburgh Steel Company at Schoen-
feld, where 3,500 employees have been
on a strike for two weeks.
The company has given its ultimatum
employees until Friday to return to work,
and it is stated that if the men re-
fuse, all with their families, will be
evicted at that time from the com-
pany houses.

BOY PRISONERS BURNED

Dropped Cigarette on Bed and Set
It on Fire.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., August 16.—
John R. Johnson, eighteen years old,
and Charles Smurrow, fifteen years old,
prisoners in the Kanawha county jail,
were probably fatally burned to-night
in a fire started from a lighted cigar-
ette dropped on their bed as they fell
asleep.

MRS. DOWELL IS DEAD

General Secretary of United Daughters
of Confederacy Passes Away.

AUBURN, ALA., August 16.—Mrs. A.
L. Dowell, eighty years of age, gen-
eral secretary of the United Daugh-
ters of the Confederacy, died at her
home in Auburn to-day. Mrs. Dowell
was at the head of the mission work
of the Methodist Church in Alabama.

ROBBERS USE GUNS

Surprised While Looting Bank, Shoot
Officer.

TUBA, OKLA., August 16.—Two rob-
bers, surprised while looting the State
bank at Kiefer, Okla., to-night shot
and killed City Marshal Inford, and
probably fatally wounded Cashier Cal-
ma Webling. They then escaped. A
posse quickly organized and hurried
in pursuit.

HOME FOR AGED PRESSMAN

KNOXVILLE, TENN., August 16.—A
commission representing the Interna-
tional Printing Pressmen's Union, and
headed by President John Berry, of
Indianapolis, is in East Tennessee for
the purpose of inspecting proposed
sites for a home for aged and indig-
ent pressmen. It is proposed to es-
tablish a pressmen's institution sim-
ilar to the one maintained by the In-
ternational Typographical Union at
Colorado Springs, Col.

BREAKS WORLD'S RECORD

CAMP PERRY, O., August 16.—The
marksmanship of the United States Marine
Corps beat the world's record for
shooting to-day, and one of them, Ser-
geant J. H. Klinge, of New York,
broke the world's record for seven
shots at 300, 400 and 500 yards.

TWO JURORS IN FIVE WEEKS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—The fifth
week of the trial of Patrick Calhoun,
president of the United Brotherhood of
carpenters, opened to-day, with only two tentative jurors
in the box.

CURTISS AIRSHIP HURLED TO GROUND

Machine Damaged and Amer-
ican Aeronaut Injured,
But Not Seriously.

STILL HOPING TO
FIGURE IN EVENTS

Accident, However, Will Prob-
ably Prevent Him From Com-
peting During First Few Days
of Aviation Week at Rheims.
Gust of Wind Caused
Mishap.

RHEIMS, August 16.—Glenn H.
Curtiss, the American, who
will take part in the aviation
week contests, made two
successful trips in his aeroplane
yesterday, but a few minutes' dura-
tion, at the end of his third
flight, which lasted four minutes, Cur-
tiss made an abrupt landing, and his
machine was slightly damaged. Un-
der the circumstances, he is expected
to be in perfect condition, and he is
elated over its easy operation.

It is expected that the repairs to the
aeroplane will be completed to-morrow.
Last night the accident was due to a
violent gust of wind, which caught the
aeroplane crosswise and caused it to
strike the ground hard on its side. It
is stated that the machine is more se-
riously damaged than at first appeared,
and it is now feared that repairing it
possibly will be a long operation, and
even may prevent Mr. Curtiss from
participating in the events of the first
days of the meeting.

Mr. Curtiss is suffering from shock
and bruises, but his condition is not
serious.

ENGLAND'S RACE PROBLEM

Has No Idea of Proclaiming Equal
Rights, Balfour Declares.

LONDON, August 16.—The House of
Commons to-night unanimously passed
the second reading of the South Afri-
can constitution bill. In the course of
the debate, ex-Premier Balfour said
that the House in dealing with the
question of a constitution for the fed-
eration of South African colonies—the
Transvaal, Cape Colony, the Orange
River State and Natal—was disposing
of one of the most important events
in the history of the British Empire.

The race problem, Mr. Balfour
stated, was but a fractional part of the
great question Parliament was decid-
ing. He strongly denied that it was
intended to give the colored races
equality with Europeans. He declared
that so far as the government, society,
and the higher forms of civilization
were concerned, it would be impossi-
ble to give equal rights to the colored
race without threatening the whole
fabric of civilization.

MEETING OF PRESIDENTS

Details Arranged for International
Event at El Paso.

MEXICO CITY, August 16.—The first
official admission that President Diaz
would meet President Balmor, was
made by Minister of Foreign Af-
airs Maraca to-day. He said that all
details of the event had been ar-
ranged with the exception of the grant-
ing of permission to President Diaz to
leave Mexican soil.

The foreign minister added that the
Mexican congress would convene on
September 15, and that immediately
after the President had read his annual
message he would ask the necessary
permission to visit El Paso.

According to information received at
the Department of Foreign Affairs,
President Diaz will arrive in Mexico
at 9:40 o'clock on the morning of Oc-
tober 16. President Diaz will also ar-
rive from Mexico City at Ciudad Ju-
arez about the same time, and he will
then cross the Rio Grande and meet
President Taft in El Paso. An hour
later the President of the United States
will return to the United States by
train at Ciudad Juarez, on the Mexican side.

PRaises BELGIAN KING

Heir to Throne Tells of Conditions in
the Congo.

ANTWERP, August 16.—Prince Al-
bert, heir to the Belgian throne, arrived to-day on his re-
turn from the Congo and received an
enthusiastic welcome. He spoke in
praise of the King Leopold, who has
accomplished in the Congo, and said the
possibilities of development of the
country exceeded his expectations.

Belgium, he declared, would work
for the moral and material welfare of
the natives in lessening their burdens
and in abolishing the slave trade and
increasing means of communication.
In conclusion, the prince recommended
that Belgians go out to the Congo.

MISSING WORKMEN SAVED

Only Three Killed by Fire in Mexican
Mine.

MEXICO CITY, August 16.—All the
missing workmen in the Pariso shaft
of the ONATEL mine, near a Pachuca,
have been accounted for. The total
casualty list is three men killed and
twenty injured. Work in the mine has
been resumed.

Fire broke out in this mine last Sat-
urday, and a score of miners were re-
ported at first to have been killed.

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